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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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## GENERAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD DURING 69TH NATIONAL CONVOCATION

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### TENNESSEE SECOND JURISDICTION ENDORSES PRESIDING BISHOP'S CANDIDACY

The Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ, Tennessee Second Jurisdiction, was held August 2-8, 1976 at the Gospel Tabernacle Church, Twelfth Avenue North at McHarry Blvd., Nashville Tennessee; Jurisdictional Bishop A. King, presiding with Mother Fannie Page, Supervisor of Women.

Services were held each day at



BISHOP AUDLEY KING

10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Highlights of the Convocation included a Musical on Monday night featuring the state choir. Elder Donald Wheelock, President of Saints College, was the guest speaker on Thursday night. Friday was a special day honoring Mother Fannie Page, State Supervisor of Women's Department. Dr. A. J. Hines, Director of the C.H. Mason System of Bible Colleges, was the keynote speaker at the Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner. Over \$2,000 in scholarships were awarded this year to noteworthy students of the jurisdiction. The convocation ended Sunday with Official Day services honoring Bishop King.

A special meeting of the State Assembly was called during the Convocation. The following resolution was adopted:

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For the third time since the CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST MET IN its first Constitutional Convention in Memphis, Tennessee on February 2nd 1968, the General assembly will meet to elect its National Officers and General Board Members. This election will take place during the 69th Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ which will convene in Memphis, Tennessee, November 9-19th, at 938 Mason Street, Bishop J. O. Patterson Presiding.

The Public Relations Department Church of God in Christ under the direction of the Bishop W. L. Porter has reported in the past that the Convention Bureau of the City of Memphis advised his office that the Holy Convocation of the Church which convenes in Memphis on November is the largest gathering to ever be recorded in the history of the city. The city, literally, runs out of places to house the delegates. Better than four-million dollars is left in the Mid-Southern Community's economy as a result of our convocation.

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THE CROWD ON OFFICIAL DAY IS ALWAYS OVERFLOWING

### THOUSANDS MOURN PASSING OF BISHOP S. M. CROUCH

BISHOP S. M. CROUCH LAID TO REST IN FUNERAL SERVICES, FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1976.

Funeral services were held for

the late Bishop Samuel Martin Crouch in the 3000-seat Crouch Temple in Los Angeles, California.

The wake began at 6:00 p.m. on  
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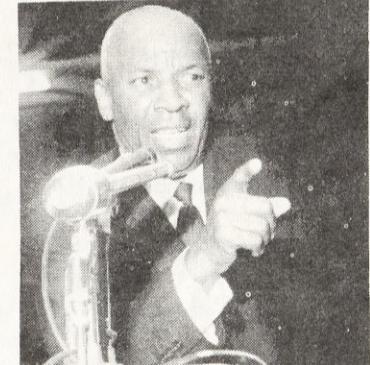
### PRESIDING BISHOP'S BENEFIT DINNER NOVEMBER 13TH

The Committee in charge of arrangements of the Presiding Bishop's Annual Benefit Dinner in support of the Charles Harrison Mason Foundation is requesting that early reservations be sent in to Mrs. Freddie Bell, Chairman of Reservations. This annual event is now one of the highlights of the International Holy Convocation. For the past few years it has been hardly enough room to accomodate the hundreds of delegates who make sure to attend this annual event. Mrs. Freddie Bell already speculates an overflow crowd again this year. She feels by sending in early reservations more definite arrangements can be made by the planning committee. This will also help to secure places for all who plan to attend.

The Presiding Bishop's Annual Benefit Dinner which is to be held Saturday, November 13th 1976 at 5:00 P.M., was originally thought of in memory of the beloved founder of the Church of God in Christ, the late Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. It has help support the C.H. Mason foundation which has given more than 30 scholarships since its beginning. Mrs. Julia Atkins, the coordinator of the Benefit Dinner and executive director of the foundation, has devised an effective plan for

screening applicants who request financial aid for their college training. Anyone who has been accepted into an accredited college is free to apply. For further information write Mrs.

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BISHOP S. M. CROUCH

### 2,000 VOICES EXPECTED ON OFFICIAL DAY

Sis. Mattie Moss Clark, International President of the Music Department of the Church of God in Christ, will be meeting with some of the leading singers and musicians of our time to form a 2,000 voice Choir for the 68th Holy Convocation. If successful, this will be the greatest number of singers ever assembled for Official day in the History of the Church. In the past, she directed probably half this many. She spends a portion of August, September and October traveling throughout many States preparing State Choirs for the National Convocation. The Tennessee State choirs have been strong armour bearers in this endeavor during the past. She is certainly looking forward to their cooperation again this year. Sis. Mattie Wigley had been an indispensable aid to Sis. Clark. Also she is hoping for at least

five hundred voices in the radio Choir. She is asking all local singers to meet her each night. And all those desiring to sing on Official Day should meet her at the Chisca on Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Sis. Clark makes a unique contribution to the National music Department. She has been called by Ebony Magazine the Queen of Gospel. During the late 50's and middle 60's she was one of the first Church of God in Christ Musicians to make international fame. Almost without exception, she started choirs to not only singing during a recording but praising God during the song. She has won or been awarded more Gold Records than any other female Choir director and vocalist in the Church of God in Christ. The church is proud to have such a celebrated musician in its leadership ranks.

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## THE MAIN ATTRACTION OF THE HOLY CONVOCATION by J. L. Whitehead, Jr. Editor

In just a few days the city of Memphis, Tennessee could very deservedly be called for the first two weeks of November the city of Saints. Almost every motel and hotel there will be registering people from all over the world who have come to witness the greatest pentecostal gathering in Black History. Many will be experiencing for the first time a continuous (24) twenty-four hour Gospel Feast. Hundreds of the most able and talented leaders of our church will be coming together to combine their gifts in a united effort for Christ. Over 20,000 delegates from every corner of the globe will spend well over 3 million dollars in the city of Memphis to enjoy one of the greatest gospel feast of our time, since the outpouring of the holy spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Many, if not most, of these delegates will be coming at a great sacrifice. I know of several who will be using their car and house payments just to enjoy a few days of this annual event. Why?

What is it about this occasion that draws more people than many sports events do to Madison Square Garden in New York? How is it this event attracts more to Memphis than the academy award nominations do in California? Is it because of the preaching? Do people travel this far and make these kind of sacrifices because they like good preaching? Is it maybe because of the singing? I think not: although some services seem more like a musical than a worship experience. Why then do so many thousands of people assemble on that small plot of ground each year on Mason Street. What is the main attraction?

To best answer this question I would need to try explaining the spiritual impact the first national meeting I ever attended had on my life. I would also need to explain how lonely and hungry a Saint can be for real christian companionship and fellowship. Whose new life in Christ has made the daily associations he once knew in the world of no meaningful value to him any more. Because of my strict

religious upbringing the usual associations one would find during a normal childhood in school, youth center, and other secular institutions were only partially rewarding for me.

This was mainly because my strict home environment prohibited me from sharing certain social outlets with my other peers that would have satisfied my social need, such as school dances, movies, etc.

I missed for many years the feeling of completely belonging until my parents started providing opportunities for rich christian fellowship by taking me to the many state and national conventions where this kind of rewarding experience can only be found.

There is an exceptionally unique companionship one finds in the kind of christian fellowship one encounters in national meetings such as our convocation in November. A politician is happiest in a political society, an athlete is happiest in a sports society, and sure enough a saint will find the joy of his salvation in the society of Saints. And the national convocation of the Church of God in Christ provides the greatest privilege and opportunity of christian love and acceptance for its members. So in my opinion the main attraction of this meeting is not only the preaching and singing but the keen sense of belonging and acceptance. This gathering of baptized believers provides. And finally in my opinion, the worse sin that can be committed in a national meeting like this is for one saint to make another feel unwanted and unloved.



J. L. WHITEHEAD  
Editor

## BISHOP BURTON SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Submitted by  
Bishop E. H. Moore

Bishop DeWitt A. Burton, General Secretary of the Church of God in Christ, Presiding Bishop of the Jurisdiction of Eastern Pennsylvania, the incumbent nominee for the office in which he has served for the past seven years, began his secretarial career in the church in the year of 1939. Since that time the energetic and efficient clevis has given dedicated service to the church and come up through the ranks to the present position in which he now serves. Working his ways to one of the top positions of the church,

Bishop Burton is seeking a third term to the office that he has served with integrity. Bishop Burton has no aspiration for fame as a church man, but rather seeks self effacement. He feels that a leader in the Church of Jesus Christ must be conscious of the needs of people and through conscientious and sympathetic effort seek to meet those needs. Committed to the preuve of "Christ" first, while being dedicated to the service of humanity, He seeks the prayers

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Bishop Porter reports that Colonel Robert Woods of the Memphis International Airport informed him that the turnover in airline passenger traffic to and from the meeting has caused the authorities to hire extra persons in every division of the airport.

The conduct of the saints in the past was certainly a thing to be proud of. The manager of one of the largest department stores, downtown, said; "I could look at those people and see that they had been with Christ; their department and manner was as becometh what they claimed to be.....saints."

From all reports the 69th convocation will be the greatest in attendance. The Highlights of this meeting are on page five and six.

All delegates and members of the Church of God in Christ need not fear or dread the crowd during the National Convocation week-end.

The Administration has secured for the convenience of one of the largest Convention within the Black Community, the ultra modern and spacious, newly built Cook Convention Center. For the past twenty years the National Headquarters has been to small to seat the week-end delegation to the National Convocation in Memphis, Tennessee. While seven or eight thousand tightly squeeze themselves into Mason Temple, another seven thousand or more had to find services at some nearby mid-night musical, or get in whatever service that was being held on the lawn outside the Headquarters. However the delegates to the coming National Convocation of the Church of God in Christ have something to celebrate about. No longer will Saturday and Sunday be under those crowded conditions, instead the services will be held in the spacious Cook Convention Center which seats several thousand more than the Mid-south Coliseum. Will this be large enough, many members doubt it. Years ago the founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, prophesied that if he did God's will there would never be room enough to seat the people, so far this has been true. The Church of God in Christ is the second largest pentecostal group in the United States. At first, Mason Temple was large enough to seat this massive delegation. However, since its founding in 1906, the Church has grown rapidly and is prominent in size

when compared to most other predominantly Negro denominations, therefore, Mason Temple was soon not large enough. In 1969 the Convocation was moved to the Mid-South Coliseum for Official Day, it soon became to small. The 14,000 arena was filled to its capacity before the choir marched in. It is hoped that this new Convention Center will do for a while, but if the Church continues to grow at its present rate, it will soon be to small. The Whole Truth salutes the Administration and its far-sightedness.

## THOUSANDS MOURN PASSING OF BISHOP S. M. CROUCH

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Thursday, August 19, and lasted throughout the night until 6:00 a.m. with various departmental and regional leaders in charge of presenting the hundreds who paid tribute to this great man of God.

The Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, of which Bishop Crouch had been pastor for 46 years, paid their tributes from 6-8 p.m. with Elder Leroy Mardis, Assistant Pastor, in charge.

At 8:00 p.m. the jurisdictional tributes began. The wake was graced with the presence of Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson and most of the members of the General Board, as well as many Bishops, Pastors, and thousands of friends who came and left all through the night.

Bishop Crouch's devoted wife, Mrs. Lottie B. Crouch; five children: Mr. George W. Crouch, Mrs. Ruth Vaughn, Rev. Samuel Crouch, Jr. Mr. Herman Crouch and Mrs. Rose Wright; nine grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Marion Smith; one nephew, Dr. Accie Mitchell; other relatives, and many many, friends sat to mourn the home-going of one who was loved so dearly.

The formal funeral farewell to this great pioneer of the Church began at 10:00 a.m. Friday August 20th, with Bishop J. O. Patterson delivering the Eulogy. He spoke on the Scripture: "And Samuel Died!" Participants in the service included most of the members of the General Board, State Officials, with the addition of Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr. and Dr. Ithiel Clemons. Most notably absent from inclusions in the program were some of the

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## THE TITHING SYSTEM: ITS ORIGIN AND FUNCTION

by  
Martin Luther Johnson B.A., M.Div.  
Part I

Needless to say, tithing is one of the most talked-about subjects in the Church of God in Christ community today. In some areas there is more being said on the subject of tithing than is being said on the subject of personal salvation. While there is a great need for personal salvation, there is also a great need for a genuine biblical understanding of tithing, and the role and function the system has played and served in the history of religions. In a number of my previous articles published in "The Whole Truth" I have dealt with topics that, hopefully, shed additional insights on matters of great concern. Those articles were intended to generate theological dialogue between interested persons and myself on topics of relevancy and meaning in the C. O. G. I. C. community. But the purpose of this article is to merely reflect upon the tithing system as it has developed in the history of the Jewish way of life (Judaism) to

see if we can arrive at a positive biblical basis on which tithe may be effectively collected and properly utilized. I might add that this article is not intended to be a response to anyone's individual or personal question; it does not attempt to be the official position of the Church (as this can only be done by The General Assembly), it is only an attempt to initiate serious dialogue on the subject between interested persons and the bible. It is that goal that we hope to achieve.

Tithe is a word that seems to be of Anglo-Saxon origin which means "the-tenth." Its definite significance is related to religious purposes. It has special reference to the giving of one-tenth of the individual's income for religious purposes. Let us take some time and effort at this point to pursue tithing as it has developed in history and how it was eventually worked into the vital Christian doctrine of

stewardship.

It is obvious in the study of the bible that it presents a number of ideas and concepts that were much older than the Hebrew people. The idea of animal sacrifices and offerings. The concept of giving to the gods certain of your possessions to appease their anger and to secure their favor are concepts much older than the Jewish people. If we began with the Egyptian culture we will find that it is historically verifiable that the Egyptians had a highly sophisticated system of giving offerings and tithes before the Hebrews had any contact with them during the 18th century B.C. To support their temples, the Egyptians set apart a tenth of the slaves, cattle and, precious metals. (Money in most cases) for the service of the gods. Tithing was not only practiced in Egypt, it was also practiced in Babylonia, Arabia, and Ethiopia. In Babylonia, tithing was instituted to support the temple worship and they were to be paid on the produce of the land. The Arabians and Ethiopians paid tithes to the gods (really to a person or priest) which consisted of frankincense and cinnamon.

For the sake of historical progression, let us turn briefly to the question of tithing among the Greeks. The earliest references to tithing among the

Greeks were at least thirteen centuries before the birth of Jesus. It is said by the Greeks that after Hercules had found his oxen which were stolen by Cacus, he dedicated an altar at Rome and requested the people to consecrate their tithes there before the gods. Clement of Alexandria makes mention of the time before images were invented that there were at Delphi holy pillars on which the people hung their tithes. Cimon, and Athenian General, who defeated the Persians in battle five hundred years before the birth of Jesus, took out the tenth of the spoils and dedicated them to the gods.

Herodotus, the first historian, who traveled widely and who knew the religious customs of many nations, vividly points out the universalistic scope of tithing. Thus, tithing was widely practiced as a means of thanksgiving to the gods for the blessings they had bestowed upon them. This view was so much a part of their beliefs that it was considered sacrilegious to keep the tithes and to use them for any other purpose except for that of the gods.

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## THE NEW PRESIDENT OF MISSIONS SPEAKS

The following is an open letter from the International President of the Home and Foreign Mission Department, Elder Carlis L. Moody. Be sure and continue to watch this spot for future articles imminent from the President and the Department of Missions.

Greetings:

Since Bishop Patterson appointed me president of the Home and Foreign Mission Department in November, 1975 our new Board of missions and I

have been about the business of restructuring the department. We have established new guidelines for the advancement of our mission work at home and abroad. These may be ordered from our mission office. As a part of this new thrust we have begun to publish a missions newsletter called "The Voice of Missions." It is published bi-monthly to keep you, the pastors and members of the Church of God in Christ, informed on World Missions.

We have also established a Home Missions Council. The H. M. C. will be responsible for:

1. New Church evangelism,
2. Special Ministries. In the area of special ministries we have appointed three key persons so far. Elder Earnest Grace, National Coordinator and director of Drug Education. Elder Grace holds a Masters Degree in Drug Education and has been director of "The Open Door Drug Education Center" in Maywood Illinois for the past five years. Elder R. A. Daniel National Coordinator of Education to the blind. Elder Daniel is known to most of us as the blind singing evangelist. For a number of years he has worked with the national convention for the blind.

Elder J. A. Meade, National Coordinator of Services to the Armed Forces. Elder Meade is working with our servicemen stationed overseas. Elder Samson Brown of Alton, Illinois has been appointed to serve as promotional ambassador for the department of missions. If you feel moved to work in any of

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## the whole world



By Bishop R. L. Fidler

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## HEALED OF CANCER

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I read the Whole Truth and I know many saints around the world, do the same. I would like to share a testimony with everyone, everywhere.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise the Lord. A member of Greater Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ, 414 Fruit Ave. Farrell, Pa. My pastor there is Dist., Bishop Odis Alexander.

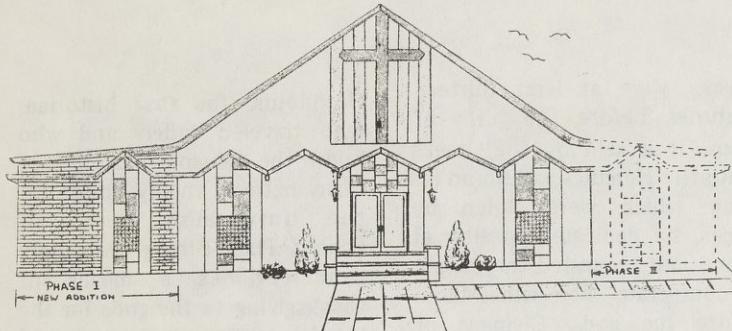
Not long ago I had some very extensive surgery on my thyroid, where the Doctor's found a malignant growth, six weeks later I returned to the hospital for "clean up" surgery with removal of muscle, nerve and lymph node gland and tissue. About 7 or 8 days later the doctor's report "no cancer". I thank the Lord. My pastor came that night as I was awakening out of that fog-filled sleep. I took his hand and placed it over the wound. I remember it was lightning and raining outside, I remember the feeling of my pastor's hand (there was not suppose to be any feeling there, because all the nerves were gone.) He had come 15 miles to be there that night. He told me later, had he left the Hospital a few minutes earlier on his way back home, He may have been in the very spot where a live electrical wire had fallen across the highway. God gave me these words while I was yet in the hospital and I wrote them on the back on an envelop, someone had sent a get well card in:

### "MY PASTOR'S HANDS"

Written for Elder Odis Alexander

My pastor's hands are worn hands, bathed with sweat and tears, reaching upward without complain... For a repentant young soul or

## SPEAKING OF CHURCHES



## DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Have Faith in God. St. Mark 11:22

To the saints and many readers of the Whole Truth: Christian greetings, praises and thanks to God for his many blessings.

The Lord is blessing us greatly under the outstanding leadership of our very fine pastor, Bishop C. L. Anderson.

His appointment to this pastorage in 1959 after the passing of his father, the Late Bishop C. L. Anderson Sr. was another challenge he faced with faith and courage. The planning and obligation of purchasing the ground and building a Church Edifice was before him.

The saints took on a new courage and worked. To finance the Church. Bishop devised the plan, Tithing and Free-Will Offering.

Three years marked the completion of building a New Church Edifice, valued at more than \$250,000.00.

The Lord has blessed, saved and baptized. The congregation has grown from 60 to over 500 families. We are now in an "Expansion Program" that will give an additional seating of 300.

We thank God for a Pastor with

a vision. Bishop Anderson has contributed and given his service in all humility.

He serves in the capacity of the Presiding Jurisdictional Bishop of Great Lakes Jurisdiction and a member of the General Board.

We are asking your sincere prayers.

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BISHOP C. L. ANDERSON

## PAUL USUAGE OF JUSTIFICATION

by  
Martin Luther Johnson  
Part V

### JUSTIFICATION AND SALVATION AS A PRESENT REALITY

For Paul, the most significant aspect of the Jesus of history was his death while the most significant aspect of the Christ of faith was his resurrection and exaltation. Thus, the occurrence of divine salvation rests in the resurrection of Jesus. It is obvious that these concepts reflect the perpetuation of the tradition of the earliest Christian community by which Paul was influenced (I Cor. 15:1-4). It may rightly be said of Pauline thought that the salvation of the sinner depends solely upon the finished work of Jesus. The eternal question that was asked by the jailor at Philippi: "What must I do to be saved?", is a question which seeks to find out how I may be saved now (presently) with implications of futuristic salvation.

Central in the Pauline doctrine

of justification, and salvation is the idea (as in Johannine thought) that eternal life or life everlasting begins in the present. He indicates that the person who has accepted God's act of justification is really transferred into the reality of the time of final salvation. While Paul is strongly opposed to works as a merit of salvation, he does feel that one should work because he has been justified. Hence, he says: "Work out your own salvation..." (Phil. 2:13). The justified person has really been set free to slavery. He has been freed from one master and is thus the slave to Him who has set him free. Though paradoxical, you are now free to be the property of the redeemer.

For one to escape a return to his former flesh-ruled state, he must always remember that he is the mere creature and that God is the Creator. To do differently is death (Rom. 6:23).

One of Paul's most positive

words for present salvation is Life: "he who is made righteous" (Kummel, declare righteous) "through faith shall live" (Rom. 1:17). Thus life is a past event when the sinner is justified, and is a present experience (each day thereafter) so long as the justified person maintains a right relation with Him who justifies (I Thess. 5:10). The present experience of salvation tends to identify the justified person with the Christian community. Paul uses the term: "in Christ" which makes all of us social partners who share in a common fellowship. "In Christ" and "the body of Christ" may reflect a bit of Pauline mysticism, but Paul would never support the idea of total absorption in Christ, as the Gnostics would say of their gods. Instead, he would support the idea of concentration on God in Jesus Christ. For Paul, man always remained man and God always remained God. Paul was so sure of true life in Christ that he states: "as sin ruled in death, grace ruled in righteousness to eternal life through Jesus..." (Rom. 5:21). For Paul, life begins with the declaration of righteousness in the past and is a present joy, but its completion is eschatological.

## ELDER JESSIE ELLIS STARTS A CHURCH

### ABOUT THE ORGANIZER

Messiah has been a dream of Elder J. Delano Ellis, II since his calling to the ministry in 1959.

Elder Ellis is a native of Philadelphia, Pa. and is the eldest of seven children. Educated in Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and Institute, West Virginia, Elder Ellis moves into the Church of God in Christ pastorate with better than eleven years of evangelistic experience.

Having led thousands to Christ through the "word ministry," Elder Ellis establishes Messiah in

hopes to maintain the orthodoxy of holiness in the pentecostal community. Elder Ellis has served the Church of God in Christ as a bible conference leader; first dean and organizer of the C. H. Mason Bible College in Memphis; evangelist and Christian educator; and contributing editor for the 1973 edition of the Manual of the Church of God in Christ.

It is our hope and prayer that your life will find new meaning as you hear the "word of God made plain" by this young servant of God.

### WHAT IS MESSIAH?

Messiah is another assembly of the Church of God in Christ. A charismatic, pentecostal-holiness worship and teaching ministry with emphasis on evangelism. Messiah is a holiness church which preaches and teaches the doctrines of the Bible and holds the word of God as the one and only infallible rule and guide for living.

Messiah is not foolishly fanatical, nor frigidly formal. However, we are fervently fundamental, earnestly evangelical, and purely pentecostal.

Messiah is named for the great founder of the Church-Jesus Christ. Messiah means "deliver-savior." Since His blood paid the sin-debt, and since He redeemed (bought us back) us from eternal death, why not name the church, His bride, after Him-Messiah.

## OUR CHURCH HISTORY

### WHY WE MUST SEPARATE (SERMON PRINTED BY WHOLE TRUTH IN 1906)

The lodge says, "Is any sick? let him call for the sick committee, (if his dues are paid up) and we will get a doctor." No glory for God. No provision to get rid of sin. An entire trust in the flesh. How can a Bible Christian be joined to such a faith-dishonoring way?

God wants everything done so that He will get the glory. How can we follow a way that fails to give Him the glory.

And the denominations follow a similar course of procedure without giving to the people the help the lodges give; for they pay no nurse and no doctor's

bill. No wonder lodge men say the lodge does more good than the church. What a dishonor to Jesus who established the church. Somebody has found something to beat it!

But they look at the wrong church. These selfish denominational organizations are not Christ's churches. Christ's churches are indwelt by His Spirit and clothed with His power. The gates of sin and death do not prevail against Christ's churches. Christ's churches are those organizations of true believers who are walking by faith in His footsteps indwelt by His Spirit, and governed by His laws; nor are they accepted of Him till they are absolutely,

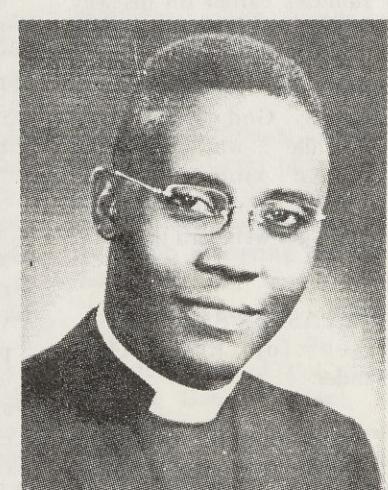
in heart and spirit, separated from the wicked. The church must be sanctified and without spot or wrinkle; and her wealth is not that of buildings and money, but of faith, and her power is not of learning and members but of the Holy Ghost.

Let Enoch the true man of God glorify his Redeemer by walking alone with God. Like Joseph, he must for truth and purity's sake, be separated from his brethren. Like Elijah he must lean alone on Jehovah despite compromising brethren, trembling believers and false prophets. Like Paul, he must know nothing among men save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Like Christ, he must be hated,

despised, crucified.

If we pay the world to let us off easy we will not be persecuted for Christ, nor can we give Him the highest glory.

And speaking of caring for widows and orphans, God alone can really do that. Money has often proved a curse and the friendship of men a snare. God alone can provide for us in such manner as to do us the highest good. The children having the hardest time make the hardest and most successful men and women. "Blessed is the man who hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." Ps. 146:5. Amen.



ELDER JESSIE ELLIS

## **DEATH NOTICES and MEMORIALS**

### **CHERISHED MEMORIES OF THE LATE BISHOP W. L. MCKINNEY, D.D.**

Our Beloved Dad, Bishop W. L. McKinney, Jurisdictional Bishop Oregon No.1 departed this life on April 9, 1976, and it is with deep regret that we have not properly informed all of his devoted friends in the Church of God in Christ all over. Eulogies were given by Bishop J. A. Blake, Regional Bishop at his local Church, McKinney Temple in Portland, Oregon then flown to Los Angeles for funeral and final resting place with Eulogy given by the Late Bishop Samuel Crouch.

The McKinney Temple Church and Oregon No.1 would like to share with you a brief history of our Beloved Dad. He was saved in Lexington Miss., in 1911 under the Late Founder, Bishop C. H. Mason and served this Grand Old Church for Approximately sixty-five years. At an early age he organized one of the first churches in 1916 in Wellington, Ohio before being licensed. Later licensed in 1916 and ordained as Elder in 1920 by Bishop Mason.

He was sent to Oregon in 1944 by Bishop Mason and served here approximately 32 years. He found Oregon to be very small with one mission, and Saints afraid to put the Church of God In Christ Signs up. He was presistant that all Churches called by that name bear a sign as such. So, from storefronts to beautiful edifices he brought us. He was honored and respected highly in the City and Local Government, and made many trips to Washington D. C. to research better job opportunities and raise standards of living for the people of Oregon and for

### **A MEMORIAL TO OUR MOTHER MORRIS**

In loving memory of our dear Mother Morris, we the members of Grace Temple Church of God in Christ desire to place on record our love and esteem for the noble life and honest labor of Mother Morris, who have departed from this life but has gone on to a greater life.

Mother Morris was born in a little town of Taldotton, Georgia on January 15, 1905 to the parents of Virgil and Ida Parham. She was filled with the Holy Ghost at an early age. She was married on May 16, 1923 to the last Bishop Walter Lewis Morris.

Mother Morris was a missionary from her heart and was a very special mouth piece for God. God revealed many things through her. She would reveal whatever God would give her to give to his people and was not afraid to tell it. She was a bold soldier for the Lord and won many souls for Him. She taught the young women how to be chaste housekeepers, how to trust in God and how to make

this he received many, many awards.

His life ended on this final quotation, "I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH." II Timothy 4:7. He quoted as he told us that he was tired and was ready to go home. He always encouraged us to live holy because it was holiness or hell. Now that he is gone, the stern but loving man of God dressed in dark attire, we cannot find words to express our lost. We cannot forget the hardships and labors, encouragements and rebukes, love and understanding or just a confidential conference, or Teaching Sessions that he referred to as, "FIRESIDE CHATS."

He was a man that dearly loved Bishop Mason and held unfailing to his beliefs of the doctrines as taught by Bishop Mason, and loved Bishop J. O. Patterson as his own son. He was a kind loving husband to his dear wife, Mother Margarite McKinney smiling as he always called her honey. And a devoted father, grandfather, & great-grandfather.

Bishop W. L. McKinney, may be gone, but his memory will live on in the heart of many Saints that knew him and certainly the many Pastors & Members that loved and admired him so and I believe with all my heart that they will be found right here in the City of Portland and throughout Oregon for many years to come.

Serving Bishop W. L. McKinney as Private Secretary until death:  
Yours In Christ,

Missionary C. Robinson

and keep their homes happy. She was a precious jewel and we will miss her. She was a lover of people. She loved Grace Temple and Grace Temple loved her. Also Morris Temple Memorial here in Milwaukee, Wis.

Even though for the past several years her health was failing, she didn't use that as an excuse to slow down. She knew that one day she had to move out of her decaying body. She used as her motivation the scripture, "Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10) We believe that Mother Morris has earned her crown of life, and will hear the Master say, "well done thy good and faithful servant." She was among the just saved in Wis. under Eld. J. R. Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her parents Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Parham and her husband, the late Bishop Walter Lewis Morris.

Sleep on Mother Morris....We love you and will miss you, but God loves you best.

To run we must lay aside  
"Anger, Wrath, Malice,  
Blasphemy and filthy

## **CONVOCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRE-MUSICAL CONVENES MONDAY NOVEMBER 8TH**

### **CONVOCATION OFFICIAL OPENING NOVEMBER 9TH**

### **MIDNIGHT MUSICAL NIGHTLY 11:30 P. M.**

### **MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL NIGHTLY AT 6:30 P. M.**

### **WEEKEND SERVICES AT COOK CENTER**

### **OFFICIAL DAY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14TH**

### **PRESIDING BISHOP'S DINNER SATURDAY 5:30 P. M.**

### **WOMEN'S DAY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH**

## **READERS WRITE**

### **LET US RUN HEBREWS 12:1**

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses. Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doeth so easily beset us. And let us run with patience the race that is set before us. When we began to run this race we will have to look at ourself, and take a long, look and searching your heart and see are you satisfied with what you find is there, peace and contentment within.

communication out of your mouth," Colossians 3:8. "And Be Renewed in the spirit of your mind and that ye put on the new man, which after God created in righteousness and true holiness," Ephesians 4:23-24 "Children Let No Man Deceive You, He That Doeth Righteousness Is Righteous, even as he is righteous." I John 3:7. Look to Jesus, He is our salvation, He is our hope.

The Living Revival Church of God in Christ  
Evangelist William R. Renfroe,  
Sr.  
624 Mississippi Ave.  
Soperton, Georgia 30457

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### **THE NEW PRESIDENT OF MISSIONS SPEAKS**

these areas, you may contact these individuals through our mission office in Memphis. We are planning to establish Institutional Chaplaincy ministries in jails, hospitals, and ministries in schools in the near future.

In our office in Memphis, we are trying to bring all of the mission certifications up to date. Therefore, I am asking all persons who received missions appointments prior to January 1, 1976 and who desire to continue serving to contact me personally (if you have not already done so) by phone or mail NO LATER than December 1, 1976. Otherwise, we will consider your appointment void as of that date. You may write to me at 1932 Dewey Ave., Evanston, Illinois, 60201 or Call 312-866-8856 or 328-3808. It is our expressed policy that no individuals or groups may itinerate the Churches of God in Christ on behalf of the Home and Foreign Missions Department or any of our Foreign Mission work unless they have a certificate of authorization signed by myself as H. F. M. President. These authorized individuals will have their names printed in the Whole Truth or Voice of Missions Publications periodically for the benefit of Church pastors and members. Persons visiting local churches asking for money for missions must present his or her certificate from this office. I am asking all pastors to cooperate in this matter. The department will issue a receipt for all gifts personal or congregational donated to Missions.

Our beloved Missionary to Haiti for many years Sister Dorothy Webster Exume is no longer in Haiti. She now resides in the United States. Mother Mary Gullick, of Grand Rapids, Michigan was chosen by Bishop Lopez Dautruche, of Haiti, to replace sister Exume as State Supervisor of Haiti, Mother Gullick was given a very high recommendation from her State Bishop, Bishop J. S. Bailey and her State Supervisor Mother Belvin. Mother Gullick was officially appointed by our International Supervisor of Women, Mother Mattie McGlothen during the 1976 International Women's Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. I would like for all persons interested in helping the work in Haiti to send all contributions to our mission office in Memphis, and be sure to earmark it for Haiti.

Again I want to express my personal heartfelt thanks to Bishop J. O. Patterson and the General Board for the check of \$10,000 to the Department after the April Meeting, and to Mother Mattie McGlothen and the International Women's Convention for the gift of \$10,000. Without these gifts The Missions Department would not be able to keep its commitments to our work on the field.

Sincerely  
Elder Carlis L. Moody  
President, Home &  
Foreign Missions

## PICTORIAL ON FUNERAL OF MOTHER CORA BERRY



### LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Memorial services were held June 23, 1976 at Crouch State Temple, Los Angeles, California for Mother Cora Agnes Berry, the assistant State Mother of Southern California, Jurisdiction No.1.

Mother Berry died June 18, at her home in Los Angeles, after an apparent heart attack, according to her husband who was with her at the time. She had devoted her life to the ministry of Jesus Christ, though she taught in the Los Angeles public school system.

Highlights of the memorial service were vocal and choral renditions of her favorite songs: "It is Well With My Soul", "The Life Boat is Coming", "Look and Live", and "I Don't Know

About Tomorrow". During the service several speakers including the Women's International Supervisor, Mother Mattie McGlothen, Mother L. O. Hale, Bishop R. Stewart, and Bishop J. A. Blake paid tribute to the noted religious leader.

Dr. Berry was born July 30, 1903 in Rogerville, Tennessee. It was while she attended the city's public school that she yearned for a better life. At the age of 21 she married Mr. Henry Berry. They had one daughter, Anita Jean.

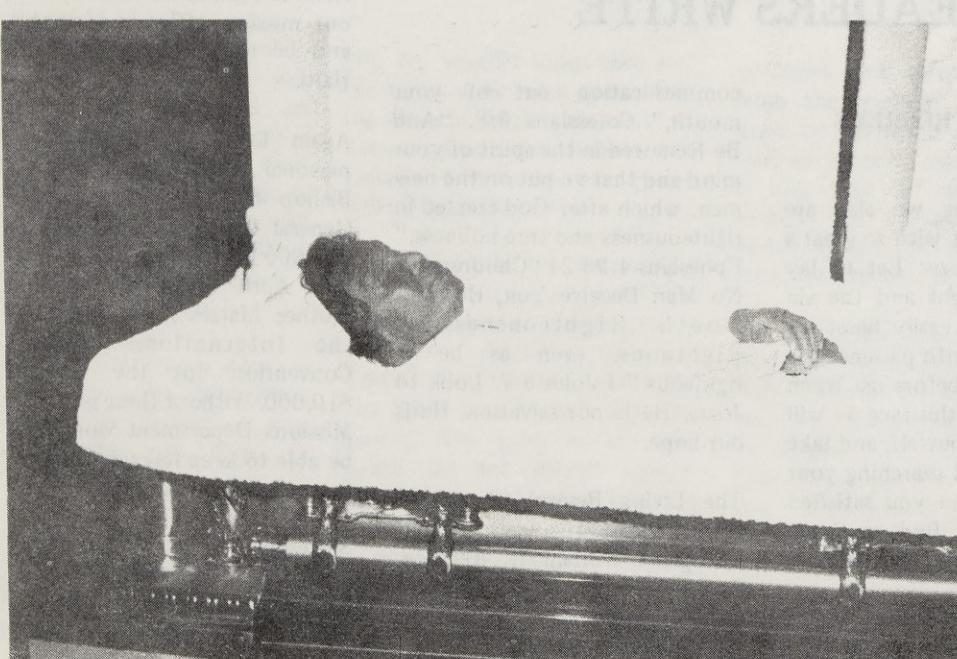
The family moved to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, uniting with the Beulah Baptist Church. In 1929 Mother Berry embraced holiness, accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.



She worked with Elder P. L. Lockett and was later appointed as State Y.P.W.W. Fieldworker of Pennsylvania, while working with Elder James Wilson of Belsuever, Pennsylvania.

A missionary at heart, a faithful steward of the Lord, she went on to help Pastor Charles Beck, serving in the radio ministry, conducting tent revivals, bringing many to the Lord Jesus Christ. During her ministry in Western Pennsylvania, she founded two churches, which were later pastored by Elder P. L. Lockett, and Elder Leonard Jones.

In 1951 the family moved to Los Angeles, California at the invitation and under the



## ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. I am reaching and seeking the truth, and have been in this grand old Church of God in Christ all of my life, by this I mean when I was born my Mother and Father was in it.

I received the Holy Ghost when I was 18 years old back in 1948 and have lived holy and growing in grace. Now we say we are under grace and truth and not under the law of God. God gave it to Moses and wrote it with his own signature. Now the people couldn't keep the law of themselves, but Jesus came and fulfilled it by keeping all of God's laws. Jesus said, he came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it and he went in the ways of his Father. We are leaving of one thing, and you know what it is? We have in front of our Sunday School Book, "Ye Shall" keep my sabbaths and REVERENCE my sanctuary, I am the Lord. Lev. 19:30. Are we doing that? No! If ye offend in one point ye are guilty of breaking them all. So we can't ask anything in His name, and He shall do it. If ye keep my commandments. So you must stand up for God and His law. God gave us His rules to obey. He gave us a sign, you know what it is? Nations are to know God's people from the world, Oh yes I know God is giving you these truths. If you are a true man of God He is talking to you as He is to me.

Faith without works is dead. I mean dead, dead. Show me thy works without faith and I'll show you my works with my faith, Paul said. Law is work and faith is trust in God. The two go together. Romans 8:3-4. God will do great things when we do all He said, God is speaking to all His people. Come out from among them and be ye separated saith the Lord.

Said in Love.  
Sis. Alberta Applewhite  
903½ E. McGaffer  
Roswell, New Mexico



MISSIONARY MARTHA EVANS

## EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

"I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt: Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Psalm 80:10

I have been and yet the President of the Home and Foreign Mission for a number of years. It is time to open our pocketbooks wide and stop pushing back dollars. Some of us give pennies all the time.

Missionary Martha Evans  
Bishop Blakely, Pastor

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## THOUSANDS MOURN PASSING OF BISHOP S. M. CROUCH

long-standing Mission workers and other intimate friends of the late Bishop.

Interment was in a vault at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

The Whole Church will miss greatly this pillar of righteousness who left us at the age of 80 years, and who set the pattern for Missions for us in the Church.

Bishop Patterson, meeting with the ministers and officials of Southern California, Friday night, August 20th, temporarily left Bishop J. A. Blake in charge of the state as his representative from the General Board. In services, Sunday, August 22nd, Bishop Patterson assumed the pastorate of Emmanuel Church, leaving the deacons in charge who will report to him through Bishop Blake.

Bishop Patterson was outstanding in his ministry of encouragement-to the family, to the church, and to the state. Without his uplifting words, the grief of all in Southern California would have been overwhelming. He wisely postponed until later whatever jurisdictional and local church appointments may be necessary for the forward-moving of the Southern California jurisdiction.

From time to time in a planned program to systematically develop our work in various areas of the world. The department asks the cooperation of the saints in all areas to help make this program work efficiently and effectively by coordinating all matters pertaining to Missions and foreign representatives through the department.

## BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON TO MEET WITH CHURCHES OF GOD IN CHRIST IN ENGLAND

While at the time of this writing the World Pentecostal Conference lies ahead, plans have now crystallized for plans in England during that conference.

Bishop Patterson, other General Board members, bishops, pastors, and saints in London during the World Pentecostal Conference will meet with the English brethren on Tuesday, September 28th in special services at the High Cross United Reformed Church, at Tottenham and 17th, in London at 6:00 p.m.

Bishop Patterson and party will be in London two days of their trip after visiting the Holy Land, Rome and Paris.

Bishop Fidler and group will arrive in London on Friday, September 24th, and will return to New York on October 3rd.

All of the Church of God in Christ in England has now been unified under the leadership of Bishop R. C. Bell; Rev. S. E. Reynolds is the jurisdictional secretary.

## THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION WORKERS OF

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTINUE AN ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR MISSIONS

After the demise of the late Bishop S. M. Crouch, Bishop Fidler met with several leaders and workers of the International Mission Workers group in Los Angeles California that the current officials pledge to carry on the program in the spirit of the late Bishop Crouch. With this assurance from the state officials, IMW should work with the interim administrators left by Bishop Patterson in the state.

A 3-day conference was planned by Mother Hallie Bell, and convened August 27, 28, and 29 at Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, 4822 South Central Avenue in Los Angeles.

Every 2nd Wednesday, International Mission Workers will gather jointly with the Baja Mission Workers (who work in Mexico) for a fellowship and business meeting at 6124 S. Main St. under the leadership of Rev. T. L. Edwards, the main cause being to continue to promote the work of the International Missionary Academy at Lake Elsinore, and to see that the work in Mexico carries on smoothly during the transition in Southern California.

## MISSIONARY RELAY TEAM IN KENYA REPORTS ITS SUCCESSES

Our "Missionary Relay Team", including Missionary Julia Burton, of Tacoma, Washington; Sister Margaret Hanson, of Chicago, Illinois, and Sister Maggie Borden, of San Francisco, California, have been active in teaching classes in first aid and Bible in and around the city of Kisumu, Kenya. Their short term in Kenya proved of great inspiration to the work there.

We also have several letters from Evangelist Joab H. Otieno, in charge of Church of God in Christ work in that area, who speaks highly of the work of the sisters.

We wish to encourage those who may wish to make a regular pledge for the work in Kenya to do so as soon as possible. There are great needs in that field, and we will soon have a coordinated report from our missionaries and a plan of action for the Mother Mary E. Gullick of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was recently appointed as Supervisor of Women's Work in Haiti, at the request of Bishop Lopez Dautruche.

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Mother Gullick, who was an ardent worker for Haiti for many years, has already done a tangible work there.

Arriving in Haiti on August 18th, along with Evangelist Louise Cryor of Detroit, Mother Gullick proceeded to appraise the condition of the work there.

Already we have detailed reports on the condition of the C. H. Mason School and the

Orphanage, as well as many other projects that have been suffering for lack of attention.

The pastors, superintendents, ministers, women and workers of Haiti gave a warm welcome to the American ladies. Several aspect of the Women's Work were set up, and gifts were given to all attending the meeting.

Visits were also made to the Mother Mary L. Belvin Skill Training Center and the Nutrition and Medical Center, sponsored by Friend for Missions.

The Missions Department has already assumed an additional grant responsibility for the COGIC Orphanage.

Mother Gullick returned to the United States on August 21st with a mind to work as never before for the many needs in Haiti.

Mother Gullick is doing everything she can to encourage COGIC people to direct their contributions for Haiti through the Missions Department.

Mother Gullick is also one of the twenty or more members of the Missions Board.

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR GOSPEL TRACTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS. BUNDLES SELL FOR \$1.00 EACH. ORDER YOUR SUPPLY TODAY!

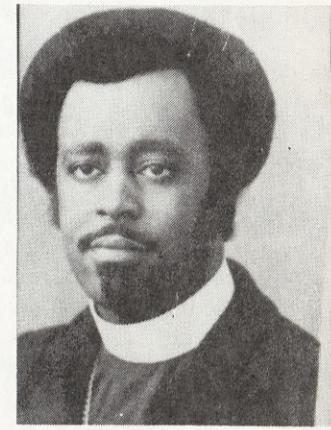
## FINAL

The echoes of Bishop S. M. Crouch's statements can still be heard: "We are called, my brethren, not to Lord over God's heritage, but to feed the flock; to act as a shepherd, a guardian, to provide the sincere milk of the word, together with the strong meat; to teach sound doctrine; to instruct in righteousness both by words and precept. Such care of the flock will call for a diligent pattern of prayer comparable to that which Paul referred to when he said, "Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith". I Thess. 3:10. This necessitates praying for our people, as Abraham did for Sodom; as Moses did for Israel; as Paul did for the Church. Prayer makes the man. It freshens his heart and keeps him in tune with God and in sympathy with the people. Prayer lifts His ministry out of the chilly air of professionalism and moves every wheel with the facility and power of divine unction. Prayer makes preaching strong, gives it power, and helps it stick. The men who have impressed their generations for God are the men who have prayed.

Prayer is a basic ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is not a position, but a disposition, not a latitude but an attitude, not a flight from reality but a fight against principalities and powers. Prayer unlocks the door to God's treasures. We must give prayer the proper priority for when it is neglected, we live defeated, powerless lives.

The ministry is not designed to see what you can materially and

socially obtain, but to fulfill the Divine Will with vision and zeal. Our concern is directed in developing a greater taste for spiritual things in our people. Replenish the mind with new thoughts, fresh viewpoints, new ideas and renewing inspiration. Keep your spiritual equilibrium. Be true to the ministry which God has called you to. Know the joy of Victorious Christian living and the thrill Divine Anointing and enablement of the power of the Holy Spirit."



BISHOP C. L. MORTON, JR.

## THE FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, 596 HOMEWORTH AVE. PAINESVILLE, OHIO

Praise the Lord, and greetings to the Saints of God everywhere. During the time of Aug. 16th-27th shall have a lasting memory in the hearts of many, for the Faith Tabernacle C. O. G. I. C. 596 Homeworth Ave. Painesville, Ohio, along with its pastor Dr. Roy L. Barclay, Jr. launched its 2nd Annual Community out-reach crusade, under the capable direction of Bishop C. L. Morton Jr. from Windsor, Ont. Canada.

Day Care and Vacation Bible School was held daily for the children along with classes in drug abuse and rehabilitation instructed by members of the Tenn Challenge Organization, afternoon class in social problems and religious emphasis were instructed by Bishop Morton, then the out-reach Evangelistic worship service in the evening. The sessions were held in the Grand Ballroom of the Lake Inn Hotel in Downtown Painesville.

Bishop Morton preached out of his heart under the anointing of the Holy Ghost with such dramatic emphasis sinners and backsliders came to the altar repenting of their sins and accepting Christ into their lives. The entire community of Painesville shall never forget the beautiful out-reach crusade and will be anxiously awaiting next year's Out-Reach Crusade.

## IDABEL, OKLAHOMA

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, from the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ, Idabel, Oklahoma.

We just climaxed a glorious revival conducted by our pastor. The Lord is yet blessing and healing. The 5th chapter of Matthew says, "Nothing, but the pure in heart can see the Lord."

Missionary Washington, Reporter  
Supt. Tony Boyce, Pastor

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**TENNESSEE SECOND JURISDICTION ENDORSES PRESIDING BISHOP'S CANDIDACY**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS: The Church of God in Christ in a Constitutional Convention in 1968 provided that the leadership of the Church of God in Christ be vested in a Presiding Bishop and a General Board, and

WHEREAS: In the Convocation of that same year, the first election was held and the Most Reverend James Oglethorpe Patterson, Sr. was elected Presiding Bishop, and

WHEREAS: In the past eight (8) years the church has experienced phenomenal growth, economic upsurge, spiritual renewal, and an improved ecclesiastical posture in the religious community of our world, and

WHEREAS: Another quadrennium has come to a conclusion and the denomination faces another episcopal election, and

WHEREAS: The Jurisdictional Bishop, Elders and Ministers, supported by the saints of the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Tennessee for the Church of God in Christ have benefited by the tremendous leadership of the Presiding Bishop, and

WHEREAS: The Bishop J. O. Patterson was the founder of our jurisdiction and presided over the same successfully until his transfer to the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Tennessee as Jurisdictional Bishop,

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**PRESIDING BISHOP'S BENEFIT DINNER NOVEMBER 13th**

Julia Atkins, c/o Church of God in Christ Publishing House, P.O. Box 2017, Memphis, Tenn. 38101.

On last year this gala affair was one to be remembered. It was held in the downtown headquarters luxurious Gold Room. Special awards were presented to outstanding

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the honorable Bishop Audley King, presiding prelate of the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Tennessee, the Executive Board, Council of Elders, Ministers, and all delegates attending the annual adjourned session of the Jurisdictional Assembly, go on record in endorsing the candidacy of the Honorable Bishop J. O. Patterson and his re-election to the office of Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

**BISHOP AUDLEY KING**  
Jurisdictional Bishop

**BISHOP W. L. PORTER**  
Chairman of Jurisdictional Assembly

**BISHOP H. JENKINS BELL**  
Jurisdictional Secretary

Bishops in the Church. Also a special salute was given to the Black Artist of Memphis. The best in Music and food was enjoyed. And the overall event was highly praised by most who attended.

The committee for reservations are expecting this year its greatest number. They are working diligently to alleviate some of the overcrowded conditions a few experienced on last year. If the benefit dinner is successful, more money will be made available to the C.H. Mason foundation for academic scholarship to be awarded to people pursuing their college education. The Whole Truth Staff would like to especially commend those responsible for a job well done.

**AN EYEWITNESS REPORT**  
by  
**Olive L. Brown**  
New, Jersey

**ALL SAINTS REVIVAL UNDER THE BIG GOSPEL TENT—MEMPHIS, TENN.  
BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON, PASTOR**

I was blessed of the Lord to spend a few days in Memphis and to attend the ALL SAINTS REVIVAL UNDER THE BIG GOSPEL TENT at Danny Thomas and Linden Avenue, next door to Pentecostal Temple C. O. G. I. C.; guest of Mrs. Freddie Bell.

The Revival was being conducted the month of August by Evangelist S. E. Mitchell of Dallas, Texas, Evangelist Emily Bram of Brooklyn, New York and Bishop J. O. Patterson. Also working along with this team of evangelists were Mrs. S. E. Mitchell, wife of the Evangelist and Mrs. J. O. Patterson, wife of the Presiding Bishop.

Services were scheduled to begin at 8:00 p. m. nightly, but at 7:00 p. m., the saints began making their way to the Revival. Some came on foot, others by car, some by buses. Saints were there from neighboring towns and out of state-New Jersey, New York, Illinois, Mississippi, Arkansas—yes, they were all coming with one purpose in mind and that was to be blessed of the Lord! By 8:30 the tent was filled to its capacity.

Evangelist Mitchell and Evangelist Bram had a double or a special anointing. They began to single out persons who had problems or certain illnesses and God delivered them right there! Demon spirits were cast out. Many were healed. Quite a number of young and old were saved. Others received the baptism of the Holy Ghost while countless others were refreshed, revived and blessed of the Lord!

Bishop Patterson spoke under the anointing and the presence of God was manifested in him.

Every night God was moving by His Spirit!! It seemed as if a Holy Ghost tornado had swept through the tent—the saints were knocked out and rolling over the ground under the big tent. Praises were going forth to the Glory of God and you could hear the praise "Thank You Jesus" for blocks. The children, the young people and the old were all going forth in the dance. In some areas of the tent, the dust was so thick until it looked as if there was a fire in our midst, yes it was a fire, for the Holy Ghost and ignited the place and "The Spirit of the Lord was Coming Down." The choir sang each night under the anointing.

At the close of each session the saints would yet be rejoicing, praising the Lord and speaking in tongues.

Evangelist Mitchell told his experience how the Lord raised him from the dead—we have something to shout about because "can't nobody do us

**WHY I WANT BISHOP G. R. ROSS  
For  
GENERAL SECRETARY**

by  
**Bishop W. S. Wilson**

I want Bishop G. R. Ross, of the California North Central Jurisdiction to run for the high office of General Secretary of the Church of God in Christ because of the outstanding qualifications and ecclesiastical accomplishments he has achieved.

He first of all is a most dedicated Churchman. For the past ten years he has served efficiently with the National presiding Bishop along with his many other church involvements thereby providing him with a unique exposure and experience with the National affairs of our Church. He has a personal and warm relationship with most of the leading clergymen and workers in the National work. His character and disposition is not only that of a Bishop, but of a saint, his educational qualifications are not to be compared with. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business administration, from Golden Gate University. He attended the University of California to work on his masters degree in accounting. He

achieved his M. Div. degree at Pacific Luthers Seminary. He is a licensed Public accountant in the state of California. For eight years he has worked as an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service. And one of the first blacks to be hired in that capacity. Also he has finished school for secretarial Science and court reporting. He was the first person in the Church of God in Christ to present a verbatim transcript of the court litigation and trials of this church in the Chancery court of Tenn. During the 60's he provided a verbatim transcript of the Constitutional Convention which is even now available to the public. These are just a few of the many contributions Bishop Ross has made to the National life of the Church of God in Christ. And I believe beyond the shadow of a doubt that Bishop Ross is the most qualified candidate in the Brotherhood. I solicit your support for Bishop Ross as General Secretary, a man who "gets the job done". An opinion that's shared by many.

thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." Yes God filled our hearts and our souls on Friday at the High Noon service and He poured out His spirit upon each of us!



**BISHOP DEWITT A. BURTON**  
Gen. Secretary, C.O.G.I.C., Inc.

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SEEKS RE-ELECTION**

well wishes and votes in the upcoming elections of the church, that the many persons whom he has served and others who are the benefactors of his advice, direction, consideration and support go with a positive attitude and reflection the years of service rendered and give him four more years in the office that he has brought, experience, expertise and diligence to duty, as well as loyalty to his superiors to. Bishop Burton expresses his appreciation to the church for having the opportunity to serve the church and looks forward with the assistance of those whom he has served and love, for victory in November mark your ballot for Bishop D. A. Burton, General Secretary to the office that calls for the qualifications that the incumbent General Secretary possesses.

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stormy night God brought him to my sick room..  
Along life's treacherous path he came and pushed back the veil of gloom.

My pastor's hands...those steadfast Hands that holds the reign in tow  
Those healing hands, my pastor's hands took the master's hand... And touched where the wound was sore...Holy hands smoothed with the oil of ten thousands blessings or more.

My pastor's hands... in the Master's hand let the healing virtues flow.

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